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Acreage, June 1, 2005

June 30, 2005 - Iowa: Soybeans planted and to be planted is estimated at 10.1 million acres in 2005, down 1 percent compared to last year. Corn planted and to be planted is up 2 percent this year for a total of 13.0 million acres. The acreage estimates in this report are based on data collected from May 28 through June 13.

Additionally, producers reported on the percent of seed planted to genetically modified (GM) varieties. Ninety-one percent of Iowa's soybean acreage is planted to herbicide resistant varieties. The U.S. level is estimated at 87 percent. Corn planted to GM varieties are estimated in Iowa at 35 percent insect resistant (Bt) only and 14 percent herbicide resistant only. Stacked gene varieties account for 11 percent of corn acres for a total planted to GM varieties in Iowa of 60 percent of the total crop.

United States: Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. Farmers increased corn plantings 179,000 acres from their March intentions. Dry conditions during April and May provided favorable planting conditions across much of the Corn Belt which allowed planting to progress well ahead of normal. Similar conditions prevailed in the northern and southern Great Plains. Planting progress in the Southeast, Northwest, and California was slowed by heavy rainfall during April, but drier weather during May allowed growers to recover and finish planting ahead of normal. By May 22, planting progress was ahead of normal in all States, except Colorado, Minnesota, and Texas. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that over 99 percent of the corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with the average of 97 percent for the past 10 years.

The 2005 soybean planted area is estimated at 73.3 million acres, down 3 percent from last year's record high acreage. Area for harvest, at 72.4 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2004. The planted area is down 607,000 acres from the March Prospective Plantings report. Area planted decreased or was unchanged from last year in most of the 31 major soybean producing States, while planted area in 8 States increased, including Kansas, Missouri, and a new record-high soybean acreage in Nebraska. Growers in North Dakota and Minnesota showed the largest decrease in soybean acreage, each 500,000 acres less than 2004. North Dakota farmers shifted to other crops for more favorable prices compared to soybeans, while many Minnesota growers could not plant their crop due to saturated soils from excessive spring showers. Nationally, farmers reported that 91 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, compared with the average of 78 percent for the past 10 years.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 58.1 million acres, down 3 percent from 2004. Harvested area is expected to total 50.4 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. The 2005 winter wheat planted area, at 41.4 million acres, is 4 percent below last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 30.3 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.5 million acres Soft Red Winter, 0.8 million acres Hard White Winter, and 3.7 million acres Soft White Winter. Acreage planted to other spring wheat for 2005 is estimated at 14.1 million, up 2 percent from 2004. Of this total, about 13.5 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The Durum planted area for 2005 is estimated at 2.57 million acres, up fractionally from last year.

2005 Crop Summary, June 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹		Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ²	2004	2005	2004	2005 ²
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Corn, all	12,700	13,000	12,400	12,650	80,930	81,592	73,632	74,368
Oats	220	220	140	130	4,085	4,342	1,792	1,976
Soybeans	10,200	10,100	10,150	10,050	75,208	73,303	73,958	72,384
Hay, all	*	*	1,600	1,550	*	*	61,916	61,723
Alfalfa	*	*	1,300	1,300	*	*	21,707	22,118
All other	*	*	300	250	*	*	40,209	39,605
Winter Wheat	28	25	24	15	43,350	41,408	34,462	34,271

¹ Harvested for principal use of each crop.

² Forecasted.

* Data not available.

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